

Vacaville  
Chapel



DEDICATION

Saturday May 13, 1978  
2:30 P.M.

311 Alamo Drive  
Vacaville, California

The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints









And he gave some, apostles; and  
some, prophets; and some, evangel-  
ists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints,  
for the work of the ministry, for the  
edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of  
the faith, and of the knowledge of the  
Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto  
the measure of the stature of the  
fulness of Christ:

(Ephesians 4:11-13)

## Bruce R. McConkie

Elder Bruce R. McConkie — an author, attorney, and public official — is a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is the author of *Mormon Doctrine*, an encyclopedia-type work covering more than 1100 gospel subjects, and of a three volume *Doctrinal New Testament Commentary*, containing 2015 pages of commentary on the four gospels, Acts, The Epistles, and The Book of Revelation. He is also the compiler and editor of three volumes of the sermons and writings of President Joseph Fielding Smith, entitled, *Doctrines of Salvation*.

Elder McConkie has had extensive church experience, having served as a General Authority of the Church since 1946. For 26 years he was a member of the First Council of the Seventy. From 1961 to 1964 he served as President of the Southern Australian Mission with headquarters in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Elder McConkie is a graduate of the University of Utah and holds the degrees of bachelor of arts and doctor of juris. He has served on the Church Board of Education and on the Board of Trustees of the Brigham Young University.

He served four years in the U. S. armed services during World War II, returning to civilian life with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. As a General Authority, he has served as Servicemen's Coordinator for the Church, supervising the spiritual guidance of thousands of young men in the armed services. He was also the City prosecutor for Salt Lake City.

Elder McConkie was born July 29, 1915, in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Oscar W. and Vivian R. McConkie. He is married to Amelia Smith, a daughter of President Joseph Fielding Smith. They are the parents of nine children.



# Dedication Program

PRELUDE MUSIC .....	Velda Neuman
WELCOME .....	B. Gale Wilson Stake President
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	Congregation (66) "How Firm a Foundation"
INVOCATION .....	Evan D. Francis Former Bishop of Vacaville Ward
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	Choir "The Gospel is Truly the Power of God" Music by Alexander Schreiner
REMARKS .....	Richard C. Harvey Bishop, Vacaville Ward
REMARKS .....	Guy W. Grenny Bishop, Vacaville II Ward
REMARKS .....	B. Gale Wilson Fairfield Stake President
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	Choir "This House We Dedicate to Thee" Words by Henry W. Naisbett — Music by Frank W. Asper
ADDRESS AND DEDICATORY PRAYER .....	Bruce R. McConkie Member of the Council of the Twelve
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	Congregation and Choir (203) "We Love Thy House, O God"
BENEDICTION .....	John C. Raphael Former Bishop of Vacaville Ward



# Fairfield Stake Presidency



President  
**John Parkinson**  
1st Counselor

President  
**B. Gale Wilson**

President  
**Louis Madsen**  
2nd Counselor

## Other Stake Presidents Who Assisted and Encouraged This Project

**Harry S. Cragun**  
1960-67

**B. Darrell Call**  
1967-73

## Our Bishops — Past and Present

### VACAVILLE WARD

Br. Pres. William Hatch ..... 1955-57  
Eldon McClure ..... 1957-59  
Harold L. Anderson ..... 1959-64  
Phillip J. Harrison ..... 1964-67  
H. Fred Anderson ..... 1967-69  
Evan D. Francis ..... 1969-72

John C. Raphael ..... 1972-75  
Richard C. Harvey ..... 1975-

### VACAVILLE II WARD

Otto L. Mathews ..... 1971-73  
Guy W. Grenny ..... 1973-







# Second Ward Bishopric



**David L. Wright**  
First Counselor

**Guy W. Grenny**  
Bishop

**Billy J. Taylor**  
Second Counselor

at this building to the Lord for the benefit of any and all who planned and worked to bring it about while meeting in less e come and gone. We are enjoying the fruits of their labors. om the widows and from those of greater means. In all of this,

he Building to the purpose of furthering the Lord's work. We ir lives. May we use this facility in a reverent way to help our thers intent.



## Vacaville II Ward

*Top Row — (L to R)*

**Thomas Owen** ..... Ward Clerk  
**Lester Kiracofe** ..... Membership Clerk  
**Jeffrey Willer** .... Priesthood Exec. Sec.

*Bottom Row*

**Seborn Shans** High Priest Group Leader  
**Clyde Strong**... Seventies Group Leader  
**Fred Maseda** ..... Elders Pres.

*Not Shown*

**Fred Jones** ..... Financial Clerk  
**Roy McKisson** ..... Historical Clerk  
**Paul Hom** ..... Aaronic Pr. Director



# Vacaville Wards' History

The Vacaville Branch of 158 members became independent of the Fairfield Ward on July 10, 1955 with William Hatch as Branch President. It was part of the Santa Rosa Stake and met in the old Eagles Hall.

By May 5, 1958 the Vacaville Saints had increased to 286 members. They purchased a building at 125 McClellan Street which was to be their home for 15 years. Due to the low level of the building, sweeping water out of the classrooms became a familiar chore to the Sunday School and Primary teachers during rainy weather.

Eldon McClure was Branch President with Harold L. Anderson and Glen Lewman as counselors when the Branch was organized into a Ward on October 19, 1958. The population of Vacaville was 9,075. Bishop McClure served as Bishop for only a few months when Harold L. Anderson was called on January 31, 1959. Vernon Woodbury and Glen Lewman were his counselors.

Elder Spencer W. Kimball organized the Napa Stake in April of 1960. The Vacaville Ward became part of it. Harry S. Cragun was Stake President.

Phillip J. Harrison was called as the new Bishop, with Loren "Bud" Barton and Richard Whipple as counselors on March 4, 1964. The population of Vacaville had risen to 14,200.

The next Bishop was Dr. James G. Pace in 1966. His counselors were Race Davies and Theron H. Jensen. Bishop Pace had to make a special trip to Salt Lake City to secure funds to make the necessary repairs when the chapel roof was blown away in 1967.

It was during H. Fred Anderson's years as Bishop, May 1967 to 1969, with counselors Donald Holm and Race Davies, that the building site for the new chapel was purchased on Alamo Drive. This step invigorated everyone and building fund projects surged. Two houses were built and sold by the Ward members in 1967 and 1968. Many other fund raisers followed including luaus, Charlie Bartanen's cooking and bazaars.

Dr. Evan D. Francis replaced Bishop Anderson in the fall of 1969, with Fred Oliver and Robert Thayer as counselors. In January 1971, the Ward had over 800 members. It became necessary to divide the Sunday School into East and West groups. Those same boundaries later served to divide the Ward. Ward leaders were extremely busy with the two Dependent Branches of Dixon and Winters under their supervision.

It was Bishop Francis' privilege to turn the first shovelful of dirt at the ground-breaking ceremonies on September 15, 1971 with the Napa Stake President B. Darrell Call and Vacaville Mayor Roy Brown assisting. Brian Johnston was hired as architect for the building and Bowers Construction Company was contracted to build it.

On October 17, 1971, the Napa Stake Presidency visited Sacrament meeting and divided the Ward. Bishop Evan Francis remained Bishop of the Vacaville Ward with Phillip J. Harrison (former Vacaville Bishop) and Brian L. Johnston as counselors. The first Bishop of the Vacaville II Ward was Otto L. Mathews (former Fairfield Bishop). Morgan P. Tenney and Lawrence D. Weimer were sustained as his counselors. Vacaville had grown to 23,800.

In June of 1972, Bishop Francis' work with the Air Force took him out of the area and John C. Raphael was called to be Bishop of the Vacaville Ward. Brian L. Johnston and Charles A. Bartanen became counselors.

Bishop Mathews and Raphael spent uncounted dedicated hours along with many members of both Wards until the building was completed in March of 1973. The first meetings were held in the Alamo Drive building on April 1, 1973.

On July 31, 1973, Bishop Mathews was released and Dr. Guy W. Grenny was sustained as Bishop of the Vacaville II Ward. Jack W. Kotyk and Wilson T. Rhodes served as counselors. Since then, Daniel R. Hopkins, Hal D. Jordan, William S. Turgeon, Billy J. Taylor and Dave L. Wright have served respectively. Also upon the above date, Dixon became an Independent Branch with Carl C. Seierup as President.

Richard C. Harvey was sustained as Bishop of the Vacaville Ward on February 16, 1975 with Arend E. Wheeler and J. Michael Miller as counselors, followed by Lonnie Baldwin, Dell Hatch and De Vaughn Shipley.

Napa Stake was divided by Elder Mark E. Peterson on February 16, 1975. Vacaville became part of the new Fairfield Stake with B. Gale Wilson as the first Stake President, with counselors Dr. John E. Parkinson and Dr. Louis L. Madsen Jr.

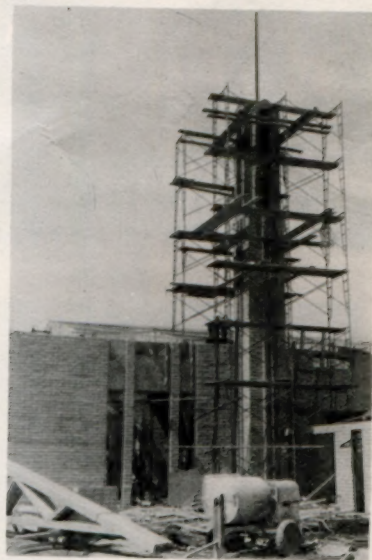
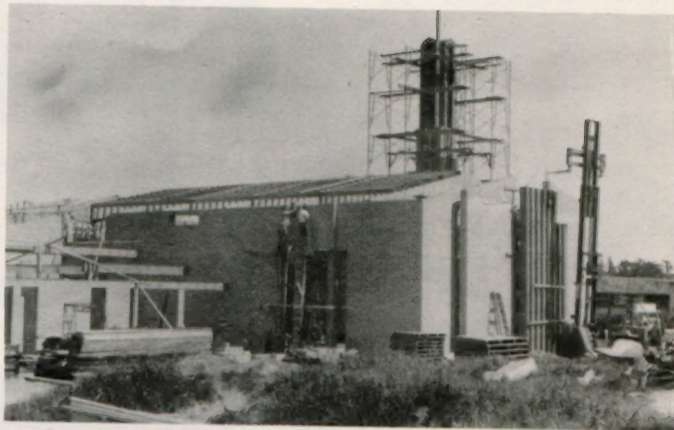
In April of 1977, Winters Branch became independent of the Vacaville Ward. Bill J. Capps was called to be the first Branch President.

Countless hours were continued on fund raising activities. Many faithful families made generous personal pledges. The last combined efforts of the Vacaville Saints were fund-raising dinners which the two Wards catered for each other.

We are sure the Lord is pleased. We wish to thank all who helped make it possible.



# Construction Progress





# Our Wards In Action . . .





# Dedicated For The Lords Work . . .



## Building Information

**Architect:**  
Brian L. Johnston

**Contractor**  
Bowers Construction

**Time under construction:** 18 months

**Cost:** \$500,000 15,000 Sq. Ft.  
present estimate \$750,000

**Chapel Seating:** 300

**Expanded Chapel Seating:** 800

**Parking Spaces:** 137

**Design:** Contemporary Spanish  
**Roof:** Spanish Concrete Tile  
**Walls:** Slumpstone Concrete  
Blocks

**Lot Size:** 3 Acres (approx.)

## Special Features:

- Fully equipped and lighted stage
- 16 Teaching stations
- Systemitized library with universal numbering
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Expandable rooms with accordian walls
- Six separate heating zones for energy conservation
- Automatic climate control system

## IN MEMORIUM

H. Fred Anderson November 19, 1931 - February 24, 1977

The Saints of the Vacaville Wards wish to pay a loving tribute to Bishop H. Fred Anderson. He served from May 1967 to the fall of 1969. Bishop Anderson and his wife, DeAnne, and their children Jan, Joyce and Raymond, were an integral part of the Ward from 1962 to 1969.

He was instrumental in the purchase of the property on which our chapel is located.

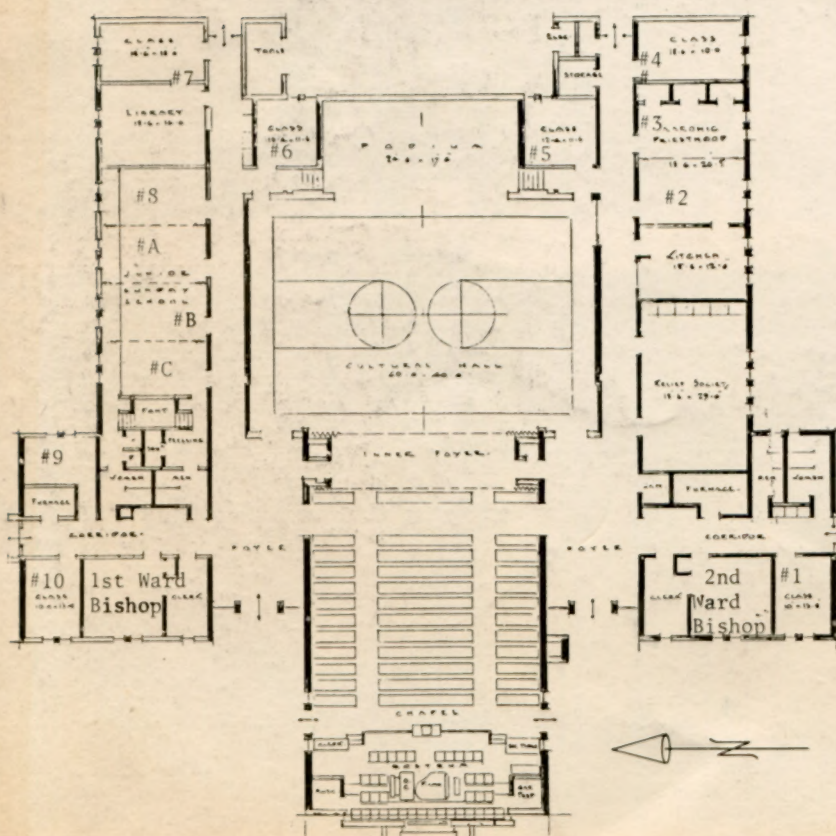
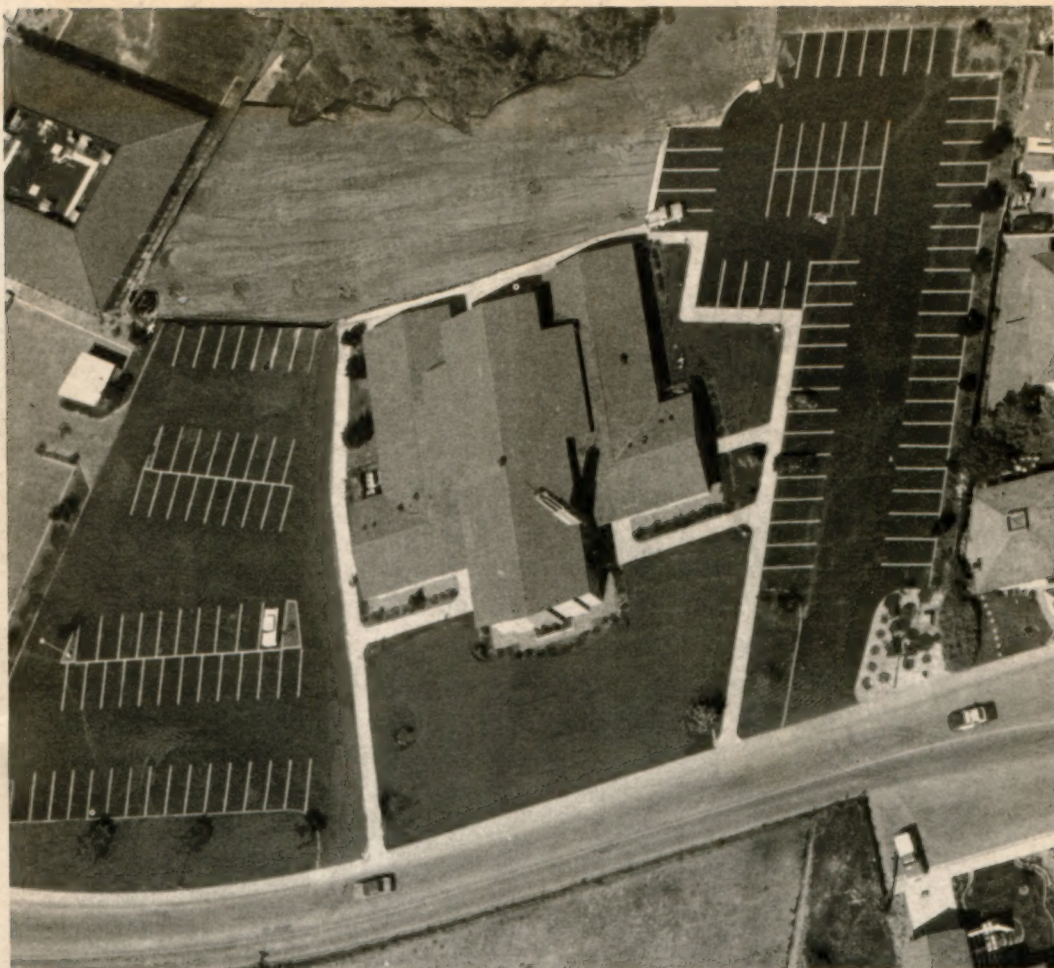
As founder and president of Hometown Real Estate in Vacaville, he is credited with beginning the Leisure Town development.

All who knew or associated with him respected and admired him for his honesty and integrity.

His life was cut short in Feb. 1977 as the result of a private plane accident.

However, his memory lives on by those who were privileged to have been touched by his life.





Old Eagles Hall



McClellan St. Bldg.